

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY CAIRO  
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INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN  
AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA  
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AMEMBASSY JIDDA  
AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM  
AMEMBASSY KUWAIT  
AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO  
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW  
AMEMBASSY SANA

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PFOR, EG, SY, UR  
SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN PRESS FORESEES DIFFICULTIES IN ASAD-SOVIET TALKS

1. LOCAL DAILIES APRIL 18 NOTE IN FRONT-PAGE SQUIBS  
DEPARTURE OF PRES ASAD FOR MOSCOW, BUT ARTICLES STRIVE  
TO SUGGEST THAT SESSIONS WITH SOVIET LEADERS LIKELY  
TO BE STORMY. AHRAM LEADS OFF ARTICLE WITH ASSERTION THAT  
ASAD WILL TAKE UP QUESTION OF SOVIET AID TO ETHIOPIA,  
GIVEN FACT THAT ETHIOPIANS USING ISRAELI MILITARY ADVISORS.  
ONLY AFTER RAISING SENSITIVE ETHIOPIANS ISSUE DOES AHRAM  
TERSELY NOTE THAT SOVIET-SYRIAN ARMS RELATIONS AND TIME-  
TABLE FOR MEPC TALKS ALSO ON SCHEDULE IN MOSCOW.

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2. GUMHURIYYA CITES ARTICLE IN BEIRUT'S AN-NAHAR TO SUGGEST  
THAT SOVIET-SYRIAN ARMS DISCUSSIONS ALSO LIKELY TO RUN  
INTO SNAGS. ACCORDING TO RENDERING OF AN-NAHAR ARTICLE,  
SOVIETS HAVE SUBJECTED SYRIANS TO SAME CUMBERSOME SYSTEM  
OF MIG ENGINE OVERHAUL SUFFERED BY EGYPTIANS. GUMHURIYYA  
CLAIMS THAT SYRIAN ENGINES SENT TO SOVIET UNION FOR OVER-  
HAUL HAVE NEVER BEEN RETURNED, WHILE SOVIETS RECENTLY

REFUSED TO PROVIDE SYRIAN REQUEST FOR 500 TANKS, AGREEING  
TO SELL ONLY 50 TANKS.

3. COMMENT: WITH CAIRO PRESS ALREADY SEETHING ABOUT SOVIET  
DEPREDATIONS IN AFRICA AND COLLUSION WITH COLONEL QADHAFI,  
ASAD'S TRIP TO MOSCOW BEING PLAYED AS BEARDING SOVIET  
LION IN ITS DEN, WITHOUT SUGGESTING ANY POSSIBILITY OF  
RECONCILIATION OF SOVIET-SYRIAN DIFFERENCES.  
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